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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 2, 7-10, and 13-28 have been canceled without prejudice and Applicants expressly reserve the right to present these claims in a future divisional or continuation application. Claim 1 has been amended. New claims 29 and 30 are hereby submitted. The amendment to Claim 1 and new claims 29 and 30 are supported in the drawings and specification. No new matter has been added.

In the Action, the Examiner asserts that there are no generic claims presently pending in this application. Also, the Examiner states that the original claims are directed to four patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, i.e. Species 1-4.

Applicants elect Species 1 for prosecution. Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-6, 11, 12, 29 and 30 read on Species 1.

Applicants further submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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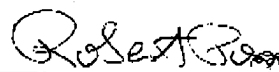
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